Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was at a time when the Chief Medical Officer and the Diwan visited the Hospital, that the patient complained.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I take it that the patient is having lucid intervals from that time ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—From that time up to this. I have witnessed the patient four times.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to take it that she had no lucid intervals ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She was in her proper senses when she complained.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Had she any senses then ? May I know why the punishment was inflicted ? Was any explanation taken ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Explanation was taken.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Why was the punishment inflicted ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He inflicted the punishment for having thrown some matter over him.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—On what part of his body?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—On the face.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was he not correct ? How long after that did the Diwan visit the place?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Perhaps six or seven hours after.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My information was she came to her senses when she got the beating. At what stage is the consideration of the Government about the punishment that ought to be meted out to the Medical Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is still under consideration. Orders have not been passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Chief Medical Officer reported on that matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. E. IkkandaWarriar.—May I know what punishment he has recommended ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is confidential.

Dispensary for Pattancheri.

58. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any dispensary at Pattancheri for the benefit of the people in and around Pattancheri;

(b) if not will the Government consider the desirability of opening one at the earliest opportunity?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

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(b) Government do not think it essential to open a dispensary at Pattancheri as it is within easy reach of the medical institutions of Tattamangalam, Nanniode and Chittur. It is only 4½ miles from Nanniode, 3½ miles from Tattamangalam and about 6½ miles from the Chittur Hospital. There is also easy road communication between these places.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—With the dispensaries at Tattamangalam, Nonniode and Chittur, can the Government have sufficient provisions to meet the needs of Pattancheri, which is thickly populated ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sufficient stock of medicines have been given to them as far as it is permitted.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I know whether a list will be given regarding the facts and figures of the provisions supplied to these dispensaries ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I can do it during the course of the session.

Punishments—Medical Department.

59. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing the names of Government servants with their designations who have been either dismissed, suspended, reverted or otherwise punished or recommended for dismissal, suspension, reversion or other punishment, in the Medical Department since Dr. Rao took charge of that Department as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state further what was the punishment inflicted in each case covered by (a) and what was the offence in each case for which such punishment was inflicted ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 1. P. Kunjan Nayar, Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

2. C. K. Kuttamma, acting Nurse.

(b) (i) 1. Suspended until further orders of Government.

2. The services were dispensed with.

(ii) 1. For belabouring a female lunatic very severely.

2. For pilfering drugs from the General Hospital.

Transfer of Officers—Medical Department.

60. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the rule governing transfer of officers in the Medical Department apply equally to men and women ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes. There is, however, no hard and fast rule governing the transfer of officers.

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